

STATE SIFTINGS

Russell E. Smith, 56, Fostoria, was killed by a train.

Donald Bennett, 10, Bellair, was drowned in the Ohio river.

H. O. Wood, 65, owner of the Lora, is dead.

William McAllister, Marysville, was wounded severely at the French front.

Harold Graham, Toledo, was killed when his automobile was ditched at Sandusky.

Forest Hotelling, 35, Findlay, died of injuries received when a horse kicked him.

All teachers employed in Marion public schools received substantial salary increases.

Prompted by illness, Henry Wetterhahn, 65, Columbus, ended his life with carbolic acid.

Miss Anna Gabriel, 23, Bucyrus, was probably fatally burned by an explosion of gasoline.

Castro Delgado, 22, Fillmore, was arrested at Canton on a charge of making disloyal remarks.

At Mt. Vernon J. S. Freese was killed in a runaway accident and Alphonse Micheaux was drowned.

Fire destroyed the general store and adjoining residence of Daniel M. Miller, at Berlin, east of Millersburg.

Floyd Cramer, 18, Findlay, was electrocuted by a high tension wire while working on a 74-foot pole.

Harold Eagle has been recommended to be postmaster at Sugar Grove, Fairfield county, by Congressman Claypool.

Four Mansfield reformatory prisoners, at work in improving the old National road in Muskingum county, have escaped.

Lieutenant Franklin Clark of Medina was killed in an airplane accident at San Antonio, Tex. He was a graduate of Oberlin.

Jacob Friedrichs was committed to jail at Dayton to await action of the federal grand jury on a charge of making disloyal remarks.

John H. Arnold, former lieutenant governor, weighed in at the secretary of state's office for the Republican nomination for governor.

Mrs. Charles Whittemore, 26, was found strangled to death in her home at Canton. She is believed to have been the victim of a robber.

Manufacturers' Home Building company of Bucyrus, incorporated for \$100,000, has started work erecting 200 new homes at Bucyrus.

Franklin county farmers this year will produce 223,720 more bushels of wheat than last, according to a report made by County Auditor Valente.

Republican candidates for state of Ohio, party leaders and delegates gathered at Poytsmouth, Friday, for a powwow with Scioto county Republicans.

A 10-pound dog daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Epply has the distinction of being the first war baby born at Gallon. The father is a private at Camp Sheridan.

Governor Cox was given the degree of doctor of laws by Wittenberg college, Springfield, immediately following the annual commencement address delivered on the campus by him.

Ohio has been asked to furnish 500 of the 200,000 socks called for by General Crozier. Mobilization will be between June 21 and 28. The Buckeye boys will go to Camp Sherman.

Thirty motormen and conductors on the Youngstown and Ohio river railroad line, connecting East Liverpool and Salem, declared a strike, tying up the division. Their demands for a wage increase were refused.

John P. Haggerty, former Cleveland druggist, charged with the murder of Dr. Harry L. Chasid, physician and poet, on Nov. 8 last, pleaded guilty to second degree murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Warden Thomas of the penitentiary received a letter written on British army stationery in France, from Michael O'Hara, Lucas county, an honor prisoner who walked away a year ago from the penitentiary some quarters, and promises to return after the war.

To help meet the need of nurses for military service, the American Red Cross has decided to enroll nurses in Ohio who were graduated from registered schools before Jan. 1, 1918, even though not graduated. Heretofore registration has been a definite Red Cross requirement.

During a gun battle in a poolroom Toledo City Detective Cornelius J. Coffey shot and killed George Montan, 35, and John Reid, 40, negroes. He also wounded John Barrett, 45, negro, and Frank Peters, white, a city detective. Peters was attempting to arrest Montan, who had drawn a pistol and fired several shots in the poolroom, following a quarrel. Reid and Barrett were attempting to aid Peters when Coffey, attracted by the shooting, entered. He says he thought all the negroes were hitting Peters.

Authorities are investigating the murder of Angelo Ruggiero, 20, whose body was found at Drake's Corners, near Cleveland. There were five bullets in Ruggiero's body.

Ohio's wheat prospects June 1, according to the state board of agriculture, were 193 per cent, compared with the average yield. In June, 1917, the prospects were but 88 per cent.

Bandits forced the marshal of Newton Falls to accompany them while they raided the Newton Falls bank. They locked him in the bank and escaped. It is not known how much was taken.

Judge Frank H. Kerr of Steubenville and Fred M. Hopkins of Fostoria have entered the race for the Republican nomination for secretary of state.

A gust of wind caught the baby cab of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young and caused it to run off the porch of their home at Marion, fracturing the skull of their 7-month-old daughter.

Ohio during April, the opening month of children's year, saved more than one-half the average monthly quota of babies assigned to the state by the federal government for the baby-saving campaign.

Corporal Frederick I. Miles of Geneva and Private W. W. Crowell of Fidelity were killed in action in France.

Charles Simpkins, Company D, Rainbow division, of Marion, has been brought back to America for treatment of wounds received in action.

At Cleveland Henry La Premier testified in court he killed his wife to end her sufferings. "She shot and it me in the wrist," La Premier said, "and then shot herself in the head. I thought it was a act of mercy to kill her." He was held.

W. C. Ginn, 87, Delaware, well known educator, is dead.

Postoffice at Georgesville, Franklin county, will be discontinued.

E. C. Howard was elected president of Lancaster chamber of commerce.

Albert Hausse, burned by a high tension wire, is dead at Washington C. H.

George Rosa, 16, was drowned in the Miami at Dayton by the capsizing of a boat.

Matt Edwards, 31, of DeGraff, died of heart disease while bathing at Indian Lake.

Miners who went on strike at the Maher mine, west of Bellair, are back at work.

E. C. Lynn of Youngstown was elected president of the Ohio Protective Home Circle.

While playing with a gun, Charles Allen, 6, Portsmouth, shot and killed his 3-year-old sister.

At Fostoria Margaret Kramer, 7, was burned to death while attempting to light a gas range.

Trustees of German hospital, Cleveland, changed the institution's name to Fairview Park hospital.

State Treasurer Chester E. Bryan of London has filed his declaration of candidacy for a second term.

Fire caused \$12,000 worth of damage at the French Press company's warehouse, Port Clinton.

Cleveland Baptist association is expected to agree to a merger of all Baptists interests of northern Ohio.

Albert Hunt, 15, and Rod Dennis, 28, were drowned in Summit lake, Akron, when their canoe overturned.

Joseph Breitenstein of Canton seeks the Democratic nomination for congressman in the Sixteenth district.

J. A. Dolan of Linwood, W. Va. brakeman, was killed when a Big Four freight train was wrecked near Gallon.

Men of draft age and under employed at the National Cash Register company's plant at Dayton will receive military training.

Walter Glowacki, Cleveland; Edward J. Housby, Dayton, and William Carl Ruhl, Akron, were wounded in action on the French front.

Rev. Francis A. Roehlein, who was ordained by Bishop Farrelly May 25, will be assistant at St. Mary's Catholic church in Sandusky.

Lightning killed Frank Gallion, a farmer near Millersburg, his 5-year-old son and their horse when they took refuge from a storm under a tree.

Major General Harry C. Hale, commander of the Eighty-fourth division, formerly of Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., has taken command of Camp Sherman.

City Solicitor Thompson of East Liverpool has been named as counsel for the National Cash Register company and Pommeroy against increased trolley fares on the East Liverpool-Chester, W. Va. line.

All previous records for enlistments in the navy in the Cincinnati district were broken during the past week when 507 men were accepted and sent to the training station.

Rev. Jesse Swank, pastor of Epworth Methodist Episcopal church at Marion, has been offered the superintendency of the Delaware district, succeeding Rev. B. F. Reading, Delaware.

Alphonse Micheaux, 56, was found drowned in a shallow pool of water at Mt. Vernon. The police pronounced it suicide and ascribed his act to despondency over the recent death of his wife.

Nearly 200 alleged slackers of Ohio apprehended in Columbus, Akron, Cleveland and other large cities, have reached Camp Sherman and have been turned over to the depot brigades by department of justice workers.

A Norfolk and Western passenger train was derailed, after striking a motor moving van near Portsmouth, Engineer Edward Gardner, Fireman Bert Stratton and Charles Caldwell, driver of the van, were injured seriously.

Ira Weber and Frank Smith of Cleveland and Russell Willard of Toledo were arrested after a pistol fight with Sheriff Gannett and his deputy on the charge of stealing two automobiles and holding up a saloon and two taverns near Van Wert.

Governor Cox pardoned George McLaughlin, Cleveland, sentenced in 1908 for killing his wife. Pardons also were granted to Sam Sacco, Portage county, second degree murderer, and Edward G. Fisher, Ashtabula, burglar. Each has a wife and child.

Ohio will not suffer through the order of the national war board for the restricted use of steel for automobile license tags for the coming year, as enough steel to make all the tags needed during the next year and a half has been purchased by the board of administration.

Edward C. Hazen, alleged murderer, now confined in the Lima hospital for the insane, has been declared sane and will be returned to Lorain county for a second trial on a first degree murder charge. He is alleged to have gone to the home of his estranged wife and murdered his two children, one a baby.

Union county Republicans endorsed Judge James E. Robinson, Marysville, as a candidate for Ohio supreme court judge.

For the first time in 27 years there will be no fair in Richmond. Conditions caused by the war and the death of cars at harvest time is given as the reason.

City and interurban car men on the Stark Electric railway received increases in wages of from 7 to 12 cents an hour, dating from May 1. The agreement rules for one year. The line runs from Salem through Alliance to Canton.

Seventy-five Pythian lodges in Ohio are in need of aid, according to Chancellor Woodward, who spoke at the session of the grand lodge at Springfield.

Margaret Gibbons, 20, and Alvina Bohrer, 18, of Reading, were killed when a delivery truck in which they were riding, struck a tree and overturned, killing them on the spot.

Jacob Childress, 30, civil war veteran, who is dead at his home in Mechanicsburg, was present in Ford's theater at Washington when Abraham Lincoln was shot by Wilkes Booth.

Henry Spencer Hallwood, 70, veteran manufacturer and inventor, died at his home in Columbus from heart disease.

A telegram was received by Mrs. Mary Winget of Marysville saying that her son, Mac Winget, 19, died June 3 from wounds received in action.

Contracts for the erection of two new nitrate plants, one near Cincinnati and the other near Toledo, have been made by the war department with the air nitrate corporation. Each plant is expected to employ 1,700 men.

LIQUID FIRE MACHINES CAPTURED BY AMERICANS IN RAID



When the American troops make a raid into the trenches of the Hun they always carry back trophies of some sort, risking their lives to obtain them. These men are shown carrying liquid fire machines which they captured in a raid.

BATTERY OF ITALIAN ROYAL MARINES ON PIAVE FRONT



This photograph shows the small-caliber guns of the Italian Royal Marines under a remarkable camouflage on the Piave front.

SONG DIRECTOR FOR A. E. F.



"Send the best song director available," called General Pershing to the Washington picked W. Stanley Hawkins of Albany to send over there. He has been the song director at Camp Dix, where his stirring march melody, "Keep the Glow in Old Glory," inspired the men with the martial spirit that will lead them into battle, and before going to Wrightstown he was the song director at the Plattsburg officers' training camp.

Talismans and Amulets.

The truth is that deep down in the complex nature of most of us there is a certain regard for the occult, of which, however, our higher intelligence may disapprove, we find it difficult to rid ourselves entirely.

While the word mascot has long been common in Provence and Gascony to denote something which brings good fortune to a person or household, it is only within the last 30 years or so that it has passed into common use in Britain. It owed its introduction largely to Edmund Lauder's well-known comic opera "La Mascotte."

But only the word is modern. The use of talismans, amulets and charms, which were really prototypes of the mascot, goes back to a very remote age. The ancient Egyptians wore amulets fashioned in the shape of gods, men, animals, and insects. The stones in the shape of beetles often found in Egyptian tombs gave courage to the wearer. Figures of frogs were also held in particularly high repute.

Outdistanced. "Love laughs at locksmiths," you know. "That's an old saying and a trifle out of date."

"Yes?"

"But love certainly has the laugh on father when he tries to head off six-cylinder elopement in a one lung flivver."

More Real Good. "Dearest, I would die for you!"

"Yes, darling, but I would rather you made a good living for me."

A New One. "In the course of a single paragraph, this writer has assembled an odd menagerie."

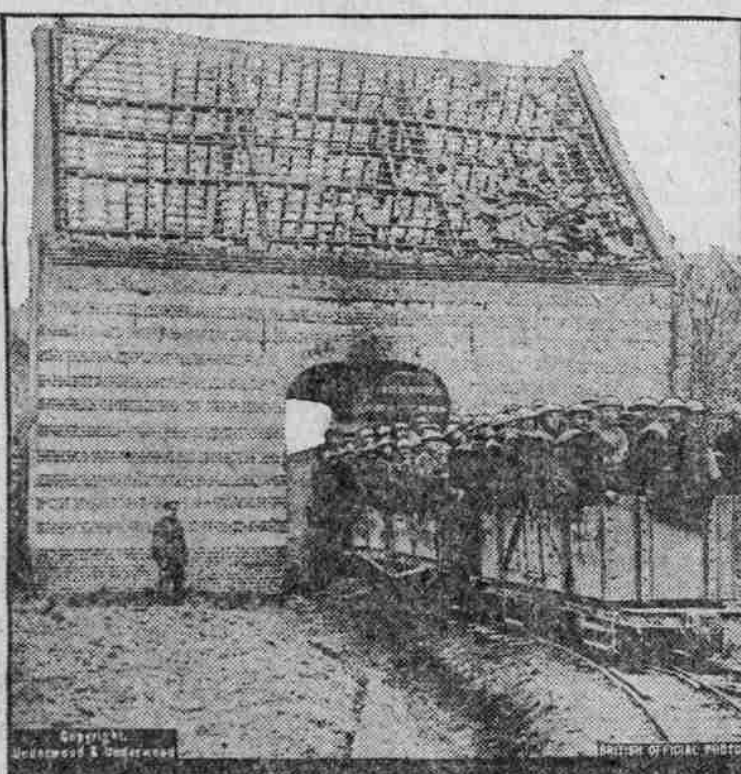
"What is it?"

"A sun dog, a moon calf, an ocean greyhound, a sea puss and an Irish bull."

Not Entirely Empty. Reggie—I've got a beastly cold in my head."

Miss Keen—Never mind, Reggie, don't grumble. Even if it is only a cold, it's something.

MILITARY RAILROAD HAS RIGHT OF WAY



Military railroads have the right of way on the western front, so a ruined house was not allowed to block this line. The engineers pierced both walls of the house and arched them over, and now the cars filled with troops run right through the house on the way to the front lines.

EXAMINING A CAPTURED GERMAN SOLDIER



These intelligence officers will learn from the captured Boche all he can tell of the movements of the enemy before they send him to the prison camp.

FACTS WORTH KNOWING

There are no less than 3,000 stones in the crown of the British king. Some famous jewels are included in this number.

An aviator's suit with a current of warm air circulating through it has been devised. The air is heated electrically.

The new railroad mileage built during the year was 962, which is less than in any year since the Civil war, except 1915, when 933 miles were constructed.

Italy possesses rich mines of zinc, but as it is not a coal-producing country the output of the metal is limited.

Electric lights, that can be used for signaling are included in policemen's helmets that have been invented in England.

The inventor of a new telephone amplifier claims it eliminates all harsh sounds and transmits human voice in its natural tones.

An artificial wood has been invented in Europe that is made of autumn leaves, dried ground and compressed with binding material.

A windmill in Europe grinds grain into flour for a baker and then mixes and kneads it into dough.

The highest railroad in the world is the Central of Peru, whose rails reach an altitude of 15,885 feet, and which has its highest station at 15,965 feet.

Specimens of 21 out of 25 medals issued in Germany during the present war have been presented to the British museum.

They include a large cast-iron medal representing an air attack on London in August, 1915, with Zeppelins over the Tower bridge.

The number of Filipinos emigrating to Hawaii since 1909, when the movement started, has reached a total of 29,025.

Two mules can haul about two tons of material and their work is limited to ten hours, but the tractor hauls 25 tons and covers a distance of 20 miles in the same time.

Uncle Sam has evolved a scheme to trip up income tax dodgers. Blank forms are distributed to individuals and firms on which they must report every payment of \$500 or more made during 1917 to any person or corporation.

BROWNING GUN FOR AIRCRAFT IS O. K.

RATE OF FIRE SYNCHRONIZED WITH REVOLUTIONS OF THE TRACTOR PROPELLER.

BASEBALL CAPTURES LONDON

American Army and Navy Teams Draw Big Crowds—British Officers in U. S. Give Instruction in Gas Defense.

The Browning machine gun has successfully undergone a test to determine its value for use with aircraft. This is one of three types of machine guns with which the rate of fire can be so synchronized with the revolutions of the propeller of a tractor airplane that the gun can be fired by the pilot of a combat plane through the revolving blades.

Airplane propellers revolve at from 800 to 2,000 revolutions per minute. The machine gun is connected with the airplane engine by a mechanical or hydraulic device, and impulses from the crank shaft are transmitted to the machine gun. The rate of fire of the machine gun is constant and its fire is synchronized with the revolving propeller blades by "wasting" a certain percentage of the impulses it receives from the airplane engine and by leaving the remaining impulses trip or pull the trigger so that the gun fires just at the fraction of the second when the propeller blades are clear of the line of fire.

The pilot operates the gun by means of a lever which controls the circuit and allows the impulses to trip the trigger.

"As the latest wonder of the world London has taken to baseball," says a committee on public information representative in London. "The English never before had much use for our great game. They called it an exaggerated form of rounders and wondered what the noise was all about, but the American and Canadian soldiers in England have been educating them."

"A regular league of eight teams has started a summer schedule, and the English public is learning what it has missed. Big crowds witness the game which is played every Saturday, and the sport bids fair to become widely popular. Here is the way Thomas Burke, the short-story writer, reports a game in the London Star of May 17.

"Last week I discovered baseball. The match between the Army and Navy teams was my first glimpse of a pastime that has captivated a continent, and I can well understand its appeal to a modern temperament. Believe me, it's good goods. And the crowd! I had heard and read much of baseball fans and their method of rooting, but my conceptions were nothing near the real thing. The grandstands, crowded with army and navy fans, bristling with megaphones and tossing hats and demotic faces, would have made a superb subject for a lithograph by Sir Frank Brangwyn."

"The game got hold of me before the first pitched ball. The players in their hybrid costumes and huge gloves, the catcher in his gas mask, and the movements of the teams as they yanked runs shook me with excitement. Then the game began and the rooting began. In past years I have attended various football matches in mining districts where the players came in for a certain amount of ragging, but the three weeks a building was selected and the factory was producing masks. The introduction of riveting machinery has done away with the heavy hand sewing of the frame which supports the masks and the faces of the horses. The masks are so constructed that no metal or chemically impregnated particles can clafe the horse."

"There was, for example, an explosive, reverberating 'A-h-h-h-h-h' which I have been practicing in my back yard ever since, but without once catching its true quality. You should have heard Admiral Sims, as college yell leader, when the Navy made a home-run hit, with his 'Atta boy, oh, attaw to play ball,' and when they got an error he snarled the Navy theirs."

"Yes; I've got it. From now on I'm a fan. I'm going to see every baseball match played anywhere near London. I shall never be able to watch with excitement a cricket or football match after this; it'd be like a tortoise race. Come along with me to the next match and join me in rooting and in killing the umpire."

In March and April the secretary of agriculture, as recommendation of the office of public roads and rural engineering, approved 212 state road-building projects involving more than 2,700 miles of highways under the federal aid road act. The estimated cost of these improvements to the states is about \$15,000,000. The federal aid allowed is more than \$5,000,000.

Bottlers of soft drinks in the United States may save approximately 30,000 tons of sugar annually by using other sweetening materials, according to investigations by specialists of the bureau of chemistry, United States department of agriculture. The bureau of chemistry is preparing to furnish bottlers with sweetening formulas that will allow the actual sugar content in soft drinks to be cut to 50 per cent or less and at the same time will preserve the customary taste of the beverages. Starch sugar, starch sirup, maltose sirup and honey are the substitutes used.

Increased demands for common labor are shown by a recent employment survey by the United States employment service. Fifty-three centers have calls exceeding the present supply, while but three cities, all in the West, report a surplus. Normal conditions are reported by 25 cities.

Arrangements have been made for a reduced railroad fare of approximately 1 cent a mile for soldiers and sailors called overseas to visit their homes before going overseas.

MENTAL FIRE DRILLS.

A woman was in great danger in a fire. She became confused in saving her cherished possessions, and while she was trying to find them her escape was cut off. The firemen rescued her, but the terrible experience taught her a lesson. Now she spends a few minutes frequently in thinking over what she would save in case of a fire, where each article is to be found, and in what order she will take them out. This mental fire drill

The army ordnance department has negotiated approximately 12,000 contracts since this country entered this war, involving within \$175,000,000 of the total funds directly available for the department for the present fiscal year—\$2,382,255,045. Additional contracts totaling \$1,503,703,741 have been entered into on the authority of congress pending appropriation of an amount aggregating \$1,671,466,750.

The magnitude of the task of the ordnance department finally is evidenced by the disbursement recently in a single day of more than \$25,000,000 on ordinary contract vouchers. Disbursements for the month of April, 1918, ran to \$356,884,833, an interesting amount as compared with the \$5,000,264 disbursed by the ordnance department in April, 1917. These disbursements were made at the ordnance office in Washington. Amounts disbursed at government arsenals are not included.

One check recently drawn by the ordnance disbursing office for ordnance material was for \$18,750,000. One requisition made recently by this same office on the treasury was for \$108,000,000. This is the largest single requisition ever made by any United States disbursing officer.

Prior to two months ago, before the ordnance department established its 11 district offices which zoned the country to expedite the work of the war department and relieve the strain upon the main office in Washington, the disbursing officer at Washington signed from 500 to 3,000 checks a day.

Because of the instruction of gas officers who have been at the various camps for the last six months, the troops are going forward on methods of combating gas attacks, says a statement authorized by the war department. A group of British gas officers has been in this country since last summer. One of these men has been at each of the training camps, advising and assisting the division gas officer.

All the men going overseas are supplied with gas helmets. Under the division gas officers and their assistants, the men are drilled in the use of masks, taught how to detect the presence of gas, and given actual experience with different sorts of gases. Mimic gas shells and cloud attacks, used often at night in connection with high explosives, help to make the training realistic.

The United States has been able to build on the experience of the British and French, to whom gas attacks were unknown when they entered the war. No American troops have been sent to the front without practical experience in defending themselves against gas.

The training of instructors in gas defense includes a course of about one month. Most of the gas officers are commissioned first lieutenants.

One of the interesting developments of the war, according to a statement authorized by the war department, is the rapid expansion of the various bureaus of the war department. At the outbreak of the war there were less than 3,000 employees on duty. The number now is approximately 25,000, an increase of 800 per cent. While this represents a tremendous expansion, the increase in the army itself has been more than 1,500 per cent.

Only four out of every 100 officers in the service were in the army at the time the war began.

The gas defense service is now manufacturing about 5,000 horse gas masks per day. These are being sent to France, and it is expected that within a short time every horse connected with the American expeditionary forces will be equipped with the new masks.

The gas defense service has a completely equipped factory for the manufacture of the masks. In less than three weeks a building was selected and the factory was producing masks. The introduction of riveting machinery has done away with the heavy hand sewing of the frame which supports the masks and the faces of the horses. The masks are so constructed that no metal or chemically impregnated particles can clafe the horse."

In Bavaria the monthly meat ration has been cut 20 per cent—from 1,000 to 800 grams—according to German newspapers. The monthly meat ration in Saxony has been reduced from 800 to 700 grams. Public officials are reported in the Prussian press as discussing the possibility of a further reduction of the meat ration in Prussia.

A Munich paper reports that from the beginning of the war to March 1, 1918, Bavarian hog stocks have decreased from 2,106,312 to 766,301 head. The Danish hog census shows a decrease from 1,651,000 hogs July 12, 1917, to 750,000 December 5, 1917, a decrease of one-third the number at the beginning of the war.

The restriction on the importation of crude rubber has been followed by restrictions on the importation of four commodities possessing some of the characteristics of rubber, and capable under some circumstances of being used as substitutes for natural rubber.

Acting on a suggestion of General Pershing an order has been issued increasing each regiment's band from 28 to 50 members. Band leaders having had more than five years' military experience as band leaders will be made first lieutenants; those with less than five years' experience will be made second lieutenants.

Beside enlarging the bands a bugle and drum corps will be added to each regiment. Each corps will include the company buglers of its regiment, and not more than 13 drummers.

South African Dyes. What is considered to be an important discovery has been made at Maritzburg, Natal, by an old established dyer, who claims to have made a dye from vattle bark which will largely solve the question of the shortage of dyes in South Africa.

The discovery was made several years ago by accident, and that subsequently experiments have revealed that 27 different shades of color can be obtained by treating the vattle bark. The dyeing process is so simple that it resembles closely the obtainable process.

gives her a strong feeling of self-reliance and safety. This is a good process to apply to spiritual emergencies. What shall I do the next time I am tempted to envy? How shall I meet the next cross word that assails me? How shall I bear myself when next I am treated unjustly? There is one who often provokes me; what shall I say the next time this happens? These mental fire drills count for more in the spiritual than in the material realm, for they concern our eternal possessions.

Smokeless Powder.